



Interpretive Order Relating to Standards of Conduct

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Standards of Conduct (SOCs):

- **Prevent Transmission Providers (TPs) from granting undue preferences to their Marketing and Energy Affiliates; and**
- **Contain information-sharing prohibitions.**

SOC Limited Exceptions

- **Emergency conditions**
- **Information necessary to maintain transmission system operations and interconnects**
- **Information necessary to perform dispatch**

Genesis of Interpretive Order

Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) expressed concern that SOC's restrict communications between TPs and NPPs, thereby limiting ability of NPPs to comply with NRC requirements and to answer Generic Letter questions.

Order Clarifies that TPPs and NPPs:

- **May communicate as required by NRC's Generic Letter; and**
- **May communicate to maintain operations of interconnection and safety and reliability of the NPP, in addition to communications necessary to maintain the transmission system.**

Permitted Communications Include:

- **Exchanges between TP control center and NPP on operational parameters necessary for safety and reliability;**
- **Information to coordinate switching and maintenance at the NPP; and**
- **Information on grid disturbances for off-site power planning purposes.**

Interpretive Order Reemphasizes That:

- **TP can communicate any information simultaneously posted on OASIS;**
- **TP and NPP can communicate under emergency conditions; and**
- **The no-conduit rule remains in place.**

Exelon Corporation Comments

Additional clarification is needed regarding communication of specific real-time information about transmission system disturbances, including the location, nature, and projected duration of the disturbance, and steps being taken to resolve the disturbance.

Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI):

- **Supports Exelon's Comments;
and**
- **Asserts FERC and NERC have
jurisdiction over NPP interaction
with TPs.**